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Appln. No. 10/525,014
Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

REMARKS

Claims 3-6 are pending in the present Application. Claims 1-2 have been cancelled and Claims 3-6 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the present Amendment is requested.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foreign references cited in the form PTO/SB/08 A & B filed with the present Application. The references were cited in an International Search Report, as indicated on the request for the present Application, which is in English and a copy of which has been provided to the Examiner. The ISR indicates the degree of relevance which constitutes the concise statement of relevance of purposes of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. *See*, MPEP § 609.04(a). Copies of the foreign references should have been forwarded from the International Bureau.

Accordingly, consideration of the references is requested. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the previously submitted form PTO/SB/08 A & B is attached.

Claims 3-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as assertedly being indefinite.

Claims 3-5 have been amended in view of which it is submitted that these claims now comply with the requirements of Section 112, second paragraph. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 57-30782.

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Without admitting that this rejection is appropriate, Claims 1 and 6 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 21,536.

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

EP 21,536 discloses a low pressure mercury vapor discharge lamp which is excited under radiation of ultraviolet ray having a wavelength of 254 nm. See, page 3, lines 14-16. The low-pressure mercury vapor discharge lamp is not a vacuum ultraviolet radiation exciting device which is excited under radiation of vacuum ultraviolet ray having a wavelength of, for example, 146 nm. See, the examples of the present specification.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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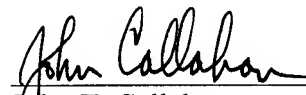
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